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QUOTE

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E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC PREPCOM - US REPS AND GUIDELINES

1. US REPS AT ANTARCTIC PREPCOM WILL BE:

MR. THEODORE SELLIN - STATE/OES

MR. BERNARD OXMAN - STATE, L/OES

MR. JAMES HEG - NSF

CAPT. WILLIAM MARTIN (USN) - DOD/ISA

MR. JOHN DUGGER - FEA

STATE REPS ARE TEAM LEADERS. CAPT. MARTIN ARRIVING
FEB 21. OTHERS ARRIVING FEB. 22. PLEASE ADJUST HOTEL
RESERVATIONS AS NECESSARY.

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2. FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR FEB 24-26 CONSULTATIONS
ON ANTARCTIC MINERAL RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED FOR GUIDANCE
AT 2ND PREPCOM FOR 8TH ANTARCTIC CONSULTATIVE MEETING.

1. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD AVOID ANY PUBLIC
OR FORMAL DISCUSSION OF ANY SPECIAL ANTARCTIC AGREEMENT ON
MINERAL RESOURCES AND INDICATE IF NECESSARY, THAT THE
AGENDA FOR THE SECOND PREPCOM IS LIMITED TO THE QUESTION
OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ANTARCTIC MINERAL RESOURCES AND
THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. IF PRESSED PRIVATELY,
THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT US POLICY

IS UNDER REVIEW AND MAY INDICATE THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT
AGREE TO ANY REGIME WHICH DOES NOT CLEARLY GUARANTEE A
RIGHT FOR THE UNITED STATES OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY
ACCESS TO MINERAL RESOURCES FROM ALL AREAS OF ANTARCTICA.(A)
CONSISTENT WITH OUR OTHER INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS ON
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, WE WOULD NOT WISH
TO SUPPORT ANY REGIME WHICH DISCOURAGES THE FINDING AND
DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY AND OTHER RAW
MATERIALS. IN OUR VIEW, INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF
RESOURCES ON THE WORLD MARKET FAVORS ALL NATIONS.

2. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES MAY INDICATE AS APPROPRIATE
THAT THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINS FULL SUPPORT FOR THE
ANTARCTIC TREATY AND ITS PRINCIPLES, ESPECIALLY IN THIS
CASE THE PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, SCIENTIFIC
COOPERATION, AND AVOIDANCE OF SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL
CONFLICT. WE BELIEVE THAT EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES IS
A PEACEFUL USE OF THE AREA.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE U.S. SUBSTANTIVE VIEWS ON AN
OFFSHORE RESOURCE REGIME, U.S. REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD SAY
THAT THE U.S. HAS NOT TAKEN ANY DECISIONS ON THE QUESTION.
HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO OFFSHORE SEABED MINERAL RESOURCES,
IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THE RESOURCES OF THE CONTINENTAL
MARGIN AND OTHER OFFSHORE AREAS SOUTH OF 60 DEGREES SOUTH
LATITUDE ARE SUBJECT TO THE REGIME OF THE HIGH SEAS. IT
FOLLOWS THAT OFFSHORE MINERAL RESOURCES IN ANTARCTICA MAY
BE SUBJECT TO THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED REGIME NOW BEING
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NETOTIATED IN THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, OR TO A FLAG
STATE APPROACH TO DEEP SEABED MINERAL RECOVERY UNDER THE
FREEDOM OF THE HIGH SEAS, OR A SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT IN THE
ANTARCTIC CONTEXT, AMONG OTHER OPTIONS. IF APPROPRIATE,
THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES MAY STATE THAT THE U.S. WILL
COME TO THE JUNE MEETING PREPARED TO EXPLORE SERIOUSLY
THE QUESTION OF ANTARCTIC MINERAL RESOURCES WITH OUR

TREATY PARTNERS. (B)

4. IF ASKED, AS REGARDS TO THE COORDINATION OF TACTICS AT THE GENEVA SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES MAY STATE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT RAISE THE ISSUE OF OFFSHORE RESOURCES SOUTH OF 60 DEGREES LATITUDE AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. IF THE ISSUE IS RAISED BY OTHERS, THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO CONSULT IMMEDIATELY WITH THE OTHER ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE PARTIES ON TACTICS.

5. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD AVOID ANY DISCUSSION OF THE MORATORIUM ISSUE IN PUBLIC. IF THE ISSUE IS PRESSED PRIVATELY, THE REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD EMPHASIZE

THE CONTINUING REVIEW ASPECT OF THE POLICY STATED IN OCTOBER, AND SHOULD NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE POLICY HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND REAFFIRMED.

6. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES MAY AGREE TO ADD TO THE AGENDA OF THE JUNE MEETING THE SUBJECT OF OFFSHORE LIVING RESOURCES ALONG THE LINES RECOMMENDED BY SCAR. HOWEVER, THE DELEGATION SHOULD INDICATE, IF NECESSARY, THAT THE U.S. WOULD SUPPORT THE INSCRIPTION OF ANTARCTIC LIVING RESOURCES ON THE AGENDA AS AN ISSUE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE ANTARCTIC MINERALS ISSUE.

FOOTNOTES

(A)REFERENCE TO ALL AREAS OF ANTARCTICA DOES NOT INCLUDE EXISTING SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS.

(B)IN UTILIZING THIS AUTHORITY, THE DELEGATION SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT THERE REMAINS A QUESTION IN THE GOVERNMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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AS TO WHETHER, AS A TACTICAL MATTER, THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE JUNE CONSULTATIVE MEETING WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO SERIOUSLY COMMENCE INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON AN ANTARCTIC MINERALS REGIME.

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